

SHB 2341 - S AMD 545

By Senator Pflug

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1 On page 8, line 33, after "requirements.", insert:

2 "(g) To collect from all public employees a voluntary opt in
3 donation of varying amounts through a monthly or one-time payroll
4 deduction as provided for in RCW 41.04.230. The donation must be
5 deposited in the health services account established in RCW
6 43.72.900 to be used for the sole purpose of maintaining enrollment
7 capacity in the basic health plan.

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9 The administrator shall send an annual notice to state employees
10 extending the opportunity to participate in the opt-in donation
11 program for the purpose of saving enrollment slots for the basic
12 health plan. The first such notice shall be sent to public employees
13 no later than June 1, 2009.

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15 The notice shall include monthly sponsorship levels of fifteen
16 dollars per month, thirty dollars per month, fifty dollars per month
17 and any other amounts deemed reasonable by the administrator. The
18 sponsorship levels shall be named "Safety Net Contributor," "Safety
19 Net Hero," and "Safety Net Champion" respectively. The donation
20 amounts provided shall be tied to the level of coverage the employee
21 will be purchasing for a working poor individual without access to
22 health care coverage.

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24 The administrator shall ensure that employees are given an
25 opportunity to establish a monthly standard deduction or a one-time
26 deduction towards the basic health plan donation program. The basic

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1 health plan donation program shall be known as the "Save the Safety
2 Net Program."

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4 The donation permitted under this subsection may not be
5 collected from any public employee who does not actively opt in to
6 the donation program. Written notification of intent to discontinue
7 participation in the donation program must be provided by the public
8 employee at least fourteen days prior to the next standard
9 deduction.

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11 On page 17, after line 34, insert:

12 NEW SECTION. Sec. 8. Section 3 of this act is necessary for the
13 immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or
14 support of the state government and its existing public institutions,
15 and takes effect immediately.

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19 On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "budget;" strike "and"

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21 On page 1, line 4 of the title, after "70.47.170" insert ";and
22 declaring an emergency"

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EFFECT: Creates a voluntary opt in donation program for public
employees to help offset enrollment cuts in the basic health plan.
Adds an emergency clause

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